

TIVERTON RECREATION COMMISSION
TIVERTON TOWN HALL
343 HIGHLAND ROAD
TIVERTON, RI 02878
DATE/TIME: 6/1/15, 6:30PM

Meeting was called to order at 6:35pm

Present: SUSAN GILL, SUSAN ZMICH, KRISTIN PLOURDE, CHRIS ROEMLEIN, KEITH CORY, TOM PEARCE
ABSENT: JOHN CORDEIRO

PUBLIC DELIGATIOS: ED MELLO, 164 NORTH CHRISTOPHER DRIVE, ASKED TO TAKE INTO CONSIDERATION THE PROPOSED FEES FOR FIELD USAGE AND HOW IT WOULD NEGATIVELY IMPACT SPORTS SUCH AS YOUTH SOCCER. HE POINTED OUT HOW THE TOWN DOESN'T PAY FOR GOALS, NETS, PERSONNEL TO PAINT, DOESN'T PROVIDE WATER AND/OR RESTROOMS. TYS ALSO PAYS OVER 20k ANNUALLY FOR INDOOR FACILITY. HE FEELS PEOPLE IN TOWN ARE ALREADY PAYNIG A LOT AND DOESNT WANT TO SEE YOUTH SPORTS BECOME "A SOURCE OF REVENUE." HE POLITELY ASKED FOR US TO KEEP FEES OUT OF YOUTH SPORTS.

ITEM 1: APPROVAL OF MINUTES = MOTION TO ACCEPT MINUTES WAS MADE BY KRISTIN PLOURDE AND WAS SECONDED BY TOM PEARCE, UNANIMOUS VOTE TO APPROVE AS AMENDED.

ITEM 2: TREASURER'S REPORT = A HANDOUT WAS DISBURSED BY CHAIR SUSAN GILL. SOME OF THE HIGHLIGHTS ARE AS FOLLOWS: COSTS \$230 PER DAY TO RUN BEACH, KEYS CHANGED ON MENS SOFTBALL, MENS SOFTBALL NOW HAS PROVEN THEY HAVE INSURANCE, THE COMMISSION HAS BEEN ASKED FOR THE SKINNING OF THE BULGAMARSH SOFTBALL INFIELD WHICH IS GOING TO COST \$2400. *SEE HANDOUT FOR DETAILS.

ITEM 3: REVIEW OF FIELD USE FEES: OFF THE TABLE FOR CONSIDERATION UNTIL A RESTRICTED ACCOUNT IS DESIGNATED, WHICH IS UNLIKELY TO OCCUR UNTIL NEXT YEAR. IT WAS NOTED THAT WE HAVE NO REVENUE SOURCE IN THIS TOWN TO OFF-SET THE COST OF MAINTAINING OUR FIELDS AND THE COMMISSION WAS ASKED TO PROVIDE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL A FEE STRUCTURE.DISCUSION OF GRANT POSSIBILITIES ENSUED. ANOTHER DISCUSSION ENSUED ABOUT THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN COMPETITIVE AND RECREATIONAL SPORTS BUT IT WAS POINTED OUT THAT THE OLD FEE SCHEDULE PROPOSAL, WHICH EXCLUDED YOUTH RECREATIONAL SPORTS FROM A FEE, IS NO LONGER THE COMMISSIONS RECOMMENDATION.

ITEM #4 NEW BUSINESS

FOOD VENDOR RFP = ANOTHER RFP FROM DOWN TO EARTH WAS RECEIVED, VENDORS ARE ONLY FOR FOGLAND BUT SUSAN GILL WILL ASK IF IT CAN BE UPDATED TO INCLUDE GRINNELS NOW THAT THE OPENING OF GRINNELS BEACH IS IMMINENT. THE APPROVED VENDORS WILL START NEXT WEEKEND, MOTION FOR DOWN TO EARTH RFP MADE BY CHRIS AND WAS SECONDED BY SUSAN Z. UNANIMOUS APPROVAL. THE HOURS OF OPERATION WILL STAY THE SAME: 11AM TO 7PM, BUSINESS CAN ONLY

OCCUR ON SOUTH SIDE OF BEACH. THE LOCAVORE VENDOR RFP WAS APPROVED AT LAST MEETING AND WAS ACCEPTED BY THE TOWN COUNCIL AT THE LAST MEETING.

SUMMER CAMP FEE REVISION = MEETING FROM TOWN COUNCIL IS UP ON LINE, OUR PART WAS ON 1:38 ON SECOND VIDEO, SUSAN PROVIDED A HAND OUT OF WHAT THE SUMMER PROGRAM BREAKDOWN WAS FOR THE PAST FEW YEARS. THERE WAS NO CONSENSU BY THE TOWN COUNCIL. SOME COUNCIL MEMBERS FELT LIKE THE FEE SHOULD BE LESS; SOME FELT LIKE IT SHOULD BE FREE. THERE WAS DISUSSION ABOUT USING VOLUNTEERS, CANCELLING THE PROGRAM ALLTOGETHER BECAUSE ONLY 12 KIDS SIGNED UP, ETC. TWO MOTIONS WERE PRESENTED BY COUNCIL MEMBERS BUT BOTH FAILED. BECAUSE THE COUNCIL DIDN'T SUCCESSFULLY PASS A MOTION TO CHANGE THE PROPOSED FEES THE PRICE STAYED THE SAME.

MEMBERS OF THE AUDIENCE SPOKE AND RAISED THE FOLLOWING POINTS: CONCERNED ABOUT THE PROGRAMS STRUCTURE, COST, SHORT NOTICE AND THE DRASTIC INCREASE IN THE COST, SOME FELT THE EXTRA HOURS WILL BE INEFFECTIVE IN HELPING WORKING FAMILIES, ETC. SUSAN GILL REPORTED THAT SHE SPOKE WITH MATT (TOWN ADMINISTRATOR) WHO STATED HE STILL WANTS TO SEE THE CAMP RUN; THE FEE CANNOT BE CHANGED WITHOUT A VOTE FROM THE TOWN COUNCIL. MR. WOJCIK POINTED OUT HOW THE SENIOR CENTER BUS COULD BE UTILIZED, ALONG WITH THE DRIVER FOR LOCAL TRIPS TO PLACES LIKE WEETAMOO, LIBRARY, COLT STATE PARK, ETC. THE BUS HOLDS 12 PEOPLE. MEMBERS DISCUSSED OPTIONS IN LIGHT OF THE OUTCOME OF THE LAST TOWN MEETING: GO BACK TO OLD PROGARM, RUN WITH PILOT PROGRAM, IMPLEMENT HALF DAYS, AND DISCONTINUE PROGRAM. THERE IS A SCHEDULED SIGN-UP THIS SATURDAY FROM 11AM TO 3PM AT THE TOWN HALL.

WE WILL DO ONE MORE SIGN-UP AFTER THE NEXT TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, WHICH IS NEXT MONDAY. TOM P. MADE A MOTION TO PROPOSE TO THE TOWN COUNCIL TO REDUCE THE FEE TO \$500 FOR THE 7 WEEKS AND IF THE COUNCIL APPROVES THE REDUCTION WE THEN USE THE NEXT THREE WEEKS TO ADVERTISE AS BEST WE CAN TO TRY AND INCREASE ENROLLMENT (COUNCIL MEETS ON 6/8 AND CAMP IS SCHEDULED TO BEGIN ON 6/29). SECONDED BY CHRIS, MOTION PASSED UNANANOMOUSLY.

SUMMER PROGRAM REPORT = TOTAL OF 60 KIDS SIGNED UP FOR SUMMER CAMPS, 4 KIDS FOR EACH OF COOKING (MAY NEED TO BE COMBINED) 5 FOR BASEBALL, 8 FOR LACROSS, SUP 7 SIGN UPS, BABYSITTING CLASSHAS 10 SIGN UPS,

BEACH REPORT = OPENED MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND. SATURDAY WAS BASICALLY A BREAK EVEN, SUNDAY WAS ABOUT \$800 MADE, SAME PEOPLE WORKED ALL WEEKEND NO SHIFTS, MONDAY WAS A BREAK EVEN DAY, THIS PAST WEEKEND WE MADE \$500 ON SATURDAY, SUNDAY WAS A BREAK EVEN DAY, GRINNELLS BEACH WILL NOW BE OPEN ONCE PLUMBING ISSUES ARE ADDRESSED TODAY, AND WILL BE OPEN STARTING SATURDAY. SUSAN GILL FOUND SOMONE TO INSTALL THE SWIM ROPE, KEITH HIRED TWO BEACH CLEANERS, LIFEGUARDS SHOULD BE ABLE TO WORK THRU THE SUMMER, GATE PEOPLE/HIRED "PLENTY", SAME FEES PROPOSED FOR FOGLAND WILL BE IMPOSED AT GRINNELLS, SUSAN GAVE COPIES OF WHAT THE SIGNS AT TOWN FARM, FOGLAND AND GRINNELLS WILL LOOK LIKE.

ITEM #5 NEXT SCHEDULED MEETING

TENTATIVELY ON 6/29

KEITH CORY MADE A CLARIFICATION THAT HE WASN'T HIRED TO BE THE CAMP COORDINATOR, BUT IS MORE THERE TO HELP FACILITATE/CHECK IN WITH EMPLOYEES

MOTION TO ADJOURN WAS MADE BY KRISTIN, SECONDED BY SUSAN, ALL WERE IN FAVOR.
MEETING ADJOURNED AT 9:15PM.

NOTES SUBMITTED BY TOM PEARCE
APPROVED: 6/29/2015